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New claims

- 5 1. Target support assembly (1), comprising a support sleeve (2) on which is arranged a target lining that is formed by a target sleeve (4) that is slid on to the support sleeve (2) or into which the support sleeve (4) is slid, at least one clamping element (6) being arranged to be clampingly effective between the support sleeve (2) and the target sleeve (4), characterised in that a plurality of elastically active clamping elements (6) are provided which are distributed around the circumference and are formed in each case by a spring, and which are arranged in a recess (8) in the internal cylindrical surface of the target sleeve (4) or in the external cylindrical surface of the support sleeve (2) in a captive manner on the part carrying them (support sleeve or target sleeve) and press elastically against the external cylindrical surface or internal cylindrical surface located opposite said clamping elements (6).
- 25 2. Target support assembly according to claim 1, characterised in that the clamping elements (6) have rounded or oblique insertion edges (6b, 6c) on both sides facing in the axial direction.
- 30 3. Target support assembly according to claim 1 or 2, characterised in that to exert their clamping pressure the clamping

elements (6) have in each case a clamping arm (6a) that exerts the clamping pressure with its free end portion.

- 5 4. Target support assembly according to claim 3,  
characterised in  
that an insertion segment (6c) is arranged at the free  
end of the clamping arm (6a) and forms an angled or  
rounded roof-shaped element with the clamping arm  
10 (6a).
5. Target support assembly according to claim 4,  
characterised in  
that the free end of the insertion segment (6c) is  
15 supported against the clamping stress in the clamping  
position.
6. Target support assembly according to any one of the  
preceding claims,  
20 characterised in  
that the clamping elements (6) are wedged between the  
side walls of a recess (8).
7. Target support assembly according to any one of the  
preceding claims 3 to 6,  
25 characterised in  
that the clamping elements (6) are in each case formed  
by an angled spring, in particular an angled leaf  
spring, comprising the clamping arm (6a) and a base  
30 arm (6e).
8. Target support assembly according to claim 7,  
characterised in

that the base arm (6e) is wedged between the side walls of the recess (8).

9. Target support assembly according to claim 8,  
5 characterised in  
that one or more recesses (8) is/are formed as grooves (8a, 8b) extending in the circumferential or axial direction or helically.
- 10 10. Target support assembly according to claim 9,  
characterised in  
that the groove or grooves extending in the circumferential direction is/are formed in each case by an annular groove.  
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11. Target support assembly according to any one of the preceding claims,  
characterised in  
that the clamping elements (6) are in each case made  
20 of elastically deformable and/or elastically compressible material.
12. Target support assembly according to claim 11,  
characterised in  
25 that the clamping elements (6) are made of synthetic material and in that particles or fibres of electrically and/or thermally conductive material are embedded in the material of the clamping elements (6).
- 30 13. Target support assembly according to claim 3 and either of claims 15 and 16,  
characterised in  
that the clamping elements (6) have, at least in the

area of an opening of the recess (8), a shape that is convex, in particular rounded, viewed transversely to the axial direction of the support.

- 5 14. Target support assembly according to claim 13,  
characterised in  
that the clamping elements (6) and the recess (8) have  
an annular configuration.
- 10 15. Target support assembly according to claim 14,  
characterised in  
that the clamping elements (6) have in each case, at  
least on their inner side, a convexly rounded cross-  
sectional form and the base of the recess is  
15 preferably rounded correspondingly.
16. Target support assembly according to any one of the  
preceding claims,  
characterised in  
20 that the length (L1) of the support sleeve (2) is  
greater than the length (L2) of the target sleeve (4)  
and at least one annular limiting part (9) is fixed  
detachably on the support sleeve (2) at one or both  
ends of the target sleeve (4).